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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 TO CONVERT A NATIONAL APPLICATION
WHICH WAS FILED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) TO AN APPLICATION FILED UNDER
35 U.S.C. § 371**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.182, the Attorney of Record for the Applicant submits this petition, requesting conversion of a national application, which was mistakenly filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) to an application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371.

The present application is a national phase application of International Application No. PCT/JP99/03898, filed on July 21, 1999, claiming priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 10-206189, filed on July 22, 1998.

Unfortunately, the application was mistakenly filed as an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) on December 19, 2000. Several attempts were made to correct the filing receipt to reflect

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the fact that the application was a national phase application of International Application No. PCT/JP99/03898, filed on July 21, 1999, claiming priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 10-206189, filed on July 22, 1998. Suffice as to say, the filing receipt was never corrected as requested. It was then determined that the application was mistakenly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), when it should have been filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant requests the PCT Legal Administrator grant this petition to convert the national application mistakenly filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) to an application filed 35 U.S.C. § 371, and issue a corrected filing receipt. Please indicate receipt of this petition by returning the enclosed postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 07-1509. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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